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MURDERER IS CAPTURED

"Under the Shadow of Crime" At Auditorium Feb. 20

THE NEW-EXQUISITE LINCOLN THEATRE OPENS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22nd.

BISHOP RICHARD ALLEN.

February 14, 1780—March 26, 1831.
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On St. Valentine's day in 1780 in Philadelphia, Pa., another slave of the 18th century was born that was destined to make his name a household word in the remotest parts of the world. He was not a soldier, not a statesman in its technical sense, not even a scholar according to the schools. He was a healer of men's bodies, a healer of men's souls, a lover of the despised and rejected.

Such was Richard Allen. At an early age, he, his parents, and three brothers were sold from Philadelphia, Pa., into Delaware. Here their lot was hard. However at 17 Allen found peace to his soul. He joined the Methodist Church and was soon given permission to hold prayer and class meetings and at stated times to give exhortations to his fellow slaves in

that the great head of the Church would support us.

\$360.00 was raised on the first day's canvass by Richard Allen and Absalom Jones. Allen bought a lot near Lombard on 6th street. The committee agreed to purchase a lot on 5th street and left the other lot on Allen's hands. Nothing daunted, he exclaimed "I would rather keep it myself than forfeit the agreement I have made. As I was the proposer for an African church I put the first spade into the ground to dig the cellar. The old blacksmith shop was made a temple in which to worship God. On canvassing the little society, it was found that a majority preferred joining the Church of England. But Allen was a Methodist and he visioned truly that the great majority of Colored people would be Methodists, a form of worship more suited to them than the restricted form of the Church of England. For had not even the

than Mohammed when he fled from Mecca, he must, at least, be classed with Francis of Assisi, or Dominic, or Ignatius Loyola. But Mohammed secured his followers by the sword, Allen his by persuasion and his peculiar permeating influence divested of glamour and loud acclaim. His was the spirit of Melancthon rather than that of Luther; but his action on that eventful Sunday morning in St. George M. E. Church was no less dramatic than that of Luther before the Diet of Worms when he declared: "I cannot, I will not retract anything unless what I have within shall be shown to be contrary to Holy Scripture or to plain reason: for to act against conscience is neither safe nor upright. I can do no otherwise; here I stand, so help me God. Amen!"

BRUTAL MURDERER CAPTURED.

That murder will out was amply demonstrated last week when Officer Bush Wells a recent appointee on the police force placed under arrest James Ballard alias Bob Johnson for having murdered Rev. W. A. Campbell, pastor of Mt. Tabor A. M. E. church in this city and supervisor of the American Woodmen. Officer Wells who knows many of the crooks and underworld characters in this city kept his ears open to various conversations he heard and succeeded in getting a quiet tip relative to Ballard and another man by the name of Evans, alias Big Boy, but Evans was able to successfully convince the police that he knew nothing of the murder and was released; while after a course of "sweating" Ballard came through and confessed that he alone had murdered Rev. Campbell, as he believed him to carry a large sum of money. Ballard gave his residence as 1704 East 12th street. This was one of the most cold-blooded and unprovoked murders ever committed in this city and the relatives and friends of Rev. Campbell are insisting that the extreme penalty of the law, which is hanging, be assessed against the murderer. Officer Wells is receiving many compliments for his splendid capture and is demonstrating that the police commissioners made no mistake when they gave him an appointment on the force. The Sun is proud of Officer Wells and the rest of the Colored Police Officers who are making good in this city.

Speaking of bosses if it comes to an issue, who shall control Republican affairs in this city, Homer Mann or Thomas R. Marks ninety-eight out of every one hundred Negroes will unhesitatingly be for Mr. Marks. Why? Ask them.

In 1793 while the yellow fever was raging in Philadelphia Allen rendered the afflicted untold service for which he was publicly thanked by Governor Clarkson. In 1784 Bishop Asbury of the M. E. church dedicated Bethel African Methodist church at the invitation of Allen, who became its first minister and served this growing congregation for more than twenty years.

In 1799 Bishop Asbury ordained Reverend Allen as deacon, the first Colored person to receive that distinction. But Colored people in New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland were having the same, if not worse religious troubles, as in Pennsylvania. Therefore in 1816 Richard Allen and others called a convention in Philadelphia to consider these difficulties and to better the moral and religious condition of the African free and slave. This assembly with representatives from the above states met in April 1816. Allen became the leading spirit because of his wise counsel, upright life and forceful courage. Thus after solemn prayer and much religious deliberation the African Methodist Episcopal church was duly established after its white model and Richard Allen was consecrated its first Bishop. Bishop Richard Allen guided this spiritual educational and ecclesiastical organization for 15 years until March 26, 1831 when he was gathered to his fathers in Philadelphia.

He was survived by his faithful, helpful and devoted wife Sarah a number of years. As slave, as minister, as bishop Richard Allen always kept his word. It was upon this rock that the A. M. E. church was built. Allen was a religious leader, rare, effective, yet unobtrusive. If Allen cannot be compared with Mohammed, and he had more followers when he left St. George



DR. G. W. BROWN.
Grand Master of U. B. F. of Missouri and one of Kansas City's most brilliant and successful surgeons and physicians.

NEGRO RISES TO TOP OF MEDICAL CALLING IN K. C.

Seventeen years ago a negro boy with a college diploma came to Kansas City to earn a living. Phil Campbell, 1836 Pendleton avenue, in want of a coachman, speculated on that diploma as an evidence of worth and made Gideon W. Brown ruler over his cow, the carriage house and a team of horses.

Two years of "coaching" was sandwiched in between the four-year college course at Macon City and a four-year medical course at Howard university, Washington, D. C., and today, Dr. Gideon Brown draws lines over 18,000 fraternity organized negroes in Missouri, more than 3,000 of them in Kansas City, and his medical and surgical practice at his office, 800 Independence avenue has ingratiated him into the hearts and confidence of others besides those of his own race.

The city has made him a surgeon at the old city hospital, the Kansas City Railways Company has entrusted him with their negro cases and he is second surgeon at a private hospital. The man who accepted that college country boy as his coachman, recognizing in him energy and a willingness to keep clean, was justified in saying, "I will help you."

Washington saw him for four years and New York during his summer vacations, where always there were interested men willing to give a boost to a negro boy studying medicine. But his home saw him no more until he came back to Kansas City to practice and married Miss Edmondia Hubbel, a songstress.

How he advanced to the influential place he holds among the negroes of Missouri involves recognition of a mutual association providing organ, burial and aged benefits. This is the "United Brothers of Friendship," a men's organization with a woman's auxiliary called the "Sisters of the Mysterious Ten."

Of all the states, only Texas has more of these members than Missouri, where Dr. Gideon Brown is grand master, seated in Kansas City. Including an orphan home, the lodge owns \$25,000 worth of property; has cash on hand of \$20,000; paid out last year \$42,000, and in war time loaned the government \$14,000 in the shape of Liberty bonds.

So dreams of wide success have come true for the negro farm boy, who started life plowing corn on the farms of Charles Lincoln at Mecca, Mo., while one of Mr. Lincoln's daughters, later Mrs. Willis Wood, was growing up in the same "worth while atmosphere."—The Kansas City Journal.

BETTY AND SAM'S DIRECTORY.

(Lest we forget—Who's Who?)

By Charles P. Wilson.
Jefferson City, Mo.

I presume you read the K. C. Sun. 'Tis for you, each and every one; Not the other fellow's K. C. Sun. But that which you've paid for and won—

Believing such may be the case. While this should interest the dark-race; See directory: Let's say it's true, It tells exactly just who's who.

Dr. E. B. Ramsey—in his Marmon grand, Dr. H. M. Smith—ever in demand; Dr. C. Lloyd Peebles—exercises great care, Dr. J. Edgar Dibble—leaves you not in despair,

Dr. L. L. Hill—very considerate with his bills, Dr. Bruce—with pills cures your ills; Dr. W. J. Thompson—always mighty good to you, Dr. T. C. Unthank can drive away the "flu."

Theo. Smith Drug Co., keeps good enough syrup on the shelf, McCampbell & Hueston claim 'tis easy to cure yourself—Peoples Drug Store, easily reached by all car lines

Palace Drug Store handle goods superior and fine, Hueston & Calloway some lawyers of fame, Henderson & Knox, play the self-same game—

Geo. T. Wasson takes your case for the dough, J. B. Gibbs says your honor Judge, 'Tis so and so.

Jewelry, they say is a very fine thing. See J. A. Wilson for your watches and rings. Should you decide to ride, With autos we will guide—Call Pioneer, Paseo or Rocky's phone

And the "Auto Livery" will take you home. Sweet music we all admire, If voice culture you desire Your singing we may adore

See Prof. N. Clark Smith and Mrs. Allen Moore.

Now don't this sound quite sweet? I speak of "Street's House to Eat." The Spotless Kitchen, the Hawkins Lunch.

At Mutt and Jeff's you'll find the bunch. A. T. Moore undertakes to treat you right, H. B. Moore wraps you in a sheet of white.

Aldins Bros., Watkins Bros. and C. H. Countee, Lead Candle Light after you can't see

Now preachers and teachers, I must say, Will gladly guide you on your way Revs. Racote, Osborne, Profs. Coles and Lee

Are worth your while, to stop and see. Stay with us here, long as you can. But before you join the heavenly band

I don't refer to any riddle, Secure granite monuments from Mrs. Geo. W. Little.

We never speak as we drop dead. Any obituary is easily read. But for ads, and Oh the nicest news See C. A. Franklin and Nelson C. Crews.

WHY? Why all this hue and cry about BOSS and ANTI-BOSS rule in the Republican party. What sinister motive is behind it? And when did the Star become the accepted mouth-piece of the Republicans in Kansas City?

Mrs. Mattye Benton Dean of Chicago, formerly of this city was called here this week to attend the funeral of her foster mother, Mrs. Betty Montgomery of 1013 Troost avenue. Mrs. Dean is looking exceedingly well and says she likes Chicago very much but is proud of the progress and development of her old home town and its people. She will return to Chicago at once where she holds a very responsible position.

A PROMINENT MASON DIES

Mr. Charles Grigsby, Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of the Missouri Jurisdiction, Passes Away After a Brief Illness at Liberty, Missouri.

FUNERAL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, AT 1 O'CLOCK

Mr. Charles Grigsby, one of the most widely known men and Masons in the Missouri jurisdiction passed away after a week's illness at his residence in Liberty, Mo., surrounded by his friends and relatives whose efforts to prolong his life were a failure. Mr. Grigsby has been prominent in Masonry for more than 25 years.

Rev. William Alphin will conduct the funeral services which will be held at the Baptist church in Liberty, Mo., at 1:00 o'clock Sunday, February 15. Many Masons and both Commandaries from this city have signified their intentions of attending the funeral while many of the Women's organizations will also be in attendance. Grand Master Clark of St. Louis



CHARLES GRIGSBY.

Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Chapter who passed away at his home at Liberty, Mo., last Saturday at 3:00 p. m. and whose funeral will be held under the auspices of the Masonic grand bodies Sunday February 15 at 1:00 p. m.

and for twenty years was Grand Treasurer of the Royal Arch Chapter being elected Grand High Priest for this Masonic year at session held in Sedalia last August. He will be succeeded as Grand High Priest by Sir A. L. Thomas of Jefferson City, Mo., who has served as Grand King for several years. Charles Grigsby was loved by all who knew him for his rugged and sterling qualities and was a tireless worker for the advancement of his race. He was a consistent member of the Second Christian church of this city and its pastor,

has summoned the Grand Lodge officers to be present and the funeral will be in keeping with the worth, services and distinguished position held by the deceased. He leaves to mourn his loss a devoted wife, who was constantly at his bedside day and night and a little son, who was the idol of his father.

The Editor of this paper counted Charles Grigsby as one of his dearest and truest friends and he and the entire force of the Sun extend their deepest sympathy to the family in their hour of bereavement.

SO THE PEOPLE MAY KNOW.

In 1916 five Negro precincts in the Eleventh Ward gave Chas. E. Hughes, Republican candidate for President, 1,124 Votes.

In 1916 ten white precincts in the Eleventh Ward gave Chas. E. Hughes, Republican candidate for President, 1,321 Votes.

In 1918 the same five Negro precincts, ever loyal to the Republican cause, returned Republican majorities for Cyrus Crane, and the Republican ticket.

In 1918 only one of the ten white precincts in the Eleventh Ward returned a Republican majority for either Crane or anyone else on the Republican ticket.

Representation in the Republican City Convention to be held March 8th is to be given on a basis of 1 vote in the convention for each 45 votes cast for Hughes.

Eleventh Ward Negroes demand and must have the representation in the convention to which they are entitled under the vote cast for Hughes in the five Negro precincts.

ATTENTION!

Don't forget the ANNUAL FASHION SHOW by the Wheatley-Provident Hospital Auxiliary.

Mrs. Effie Watkins, Pres. Mrs. Clara E. Miller, Sec'y. WATCH FOR DATE LATER.

Col. B. E. Walkins of St. Louis passed through the city this week enroute to the 3rd Congressional District where he goes to campaign in the interest of Capt. Milligan the democratic nominee with whom he served in France. While here he was the guest of Mr. J. J. Mattjoy.

Mrs. Ida C. Gladney, 516 Garfield avenue left Saturday evening for Chicago, Ill., to attend the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Beanie Johnson who lies very ill.



RT. REV. RICHARD ALLEN

The first Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

the immediate neighborhood.

Sometime later Rev. Freeborn Garrison, a noted Methodist preacher delivered a sermon at Allen's master's house which so impressed the latter that he decided to dispose of his slaves and offered them the privilege of buying themselves. Allen lost no time in raising \$2,000.00 to purchase himself and brother. He now in 1780 gave himself up to an arduous study of the Bible and traveling in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, preached the gospel to his less fortunate brethren.

In 1784 he was a spectator at the first Methodist General Conference sitting in Baltimore, Md.

Philadelphia his native city, Allen made his home in 1786 and attended St. George M. E. church with a number of other Africans punctually. But their noisy demonstrations became an offense to the white communicants who, considering them a nuisance, demanded their removal to the gallery. One Sunday morning in 1787 the sexton stood at the door and directed the Africans to the gallery.

While at prayer one of the trustees went to Absalom Jones and remarked: "You must not kneel here." Jones replied: "Wait until after prayers are over and I will move." "No," said the trustee, "you must get up now or I'll call for aid and force you away." Thus when prayers were over all of the Africans marched out in a body resolving not to trouble those Christians any more with their presence. The Colored people then decided to purchase a church of their own. This determination met with strenuous opposition by some of the white members of St. George as well as members of their own race. The former threatened to disown the Africans. Allen replied: "If you turn me out otherwise than in accordance with the discipline, I will seek redress. We are determined to seek out for ourselves the Lord being our helper. If you deny us the name Methodist, you cannot seal up the Scripture from us or deny us a name in heaven. We believe heaven is free for all who worship in spirit and truth. This was a trial I never had to pass through but I was confident



OFFICER BUSH WELLS.

Recently appointed to the police force and whose first official act was the capture of one Ballard the brutal murderer of Rev. W. A. Campbell.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

At a meeting of the Kansas City Medical Society last Tuesday evening, it was discussed and agreed upon by all the members that in view of the high cost of living, fees will be charged as follows: \$3.00 for day calls and \$5.00 for night calls; night call hours to be from 10:00 o'clock p. m. to 6:00 o'clock a. m. A commendable act done by the society was the adoption of a resolution: that the Kansas City Medical Society go on record as disapproving after a thorough trial the writing of Narcotic prescriptions for drug addicts under the present system and also the promiscuous prescribing of alcohol.

Mrs. B. F. Wilson, 1812 E. 12th Street, is ill at her home.